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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Zbigniew Brzezinski
Assitant to the President for
National Security Affairs

SUBJECT : Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
Report

1. Attached hereto are comments by CIA on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence report entitled "Activities of 'Friendly' Foreign Intelligence Services in the United States." We believe that the study is a balanced and professional piece of work but have serious doubts about the report's recommendations. To do what the Senate suggests would increase CIA's workload and would also make our operations overseas more difficult.

2. Recognizing that the example was an egregious one which should not have been permitted, we suggest that the intelligence community issue an "alert memorandum" when reporting indicates that a nominally friendly foreign intelligence service has embarked on a course of action which is genuinely threatening to U.S. interests.

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/s/ Stansfield Turner

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25X1 CIA was given the opportunity to review the main text of the SSCI report on [] activities prior to its publication. Our staff was not allowed to see the introduction and summary or the recommendations and conclusions. CIA believes that the Senate report was a professional piece of work dealing with a complex problem with balance and restraint. During the textual review CIA had several minor suggestions which related to matters of source protection. All of our suggestions were accepted and appropriate textual modifications were made.

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CIA also is strongly opposed to the Senate recommendation that we enter into more agreements with foreign intelligence services as to what will or will not be done in their countries and ours. Our experience militates heavily against entering into such agreements - they usually result in costing us far more than they bring in terms of benefits. We believe that those services with which we are in liaison would be strongly opposed to entering into negotiations leading to more formal agreements.

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